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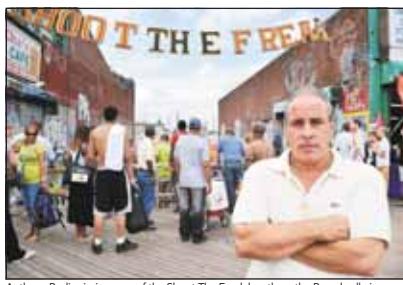
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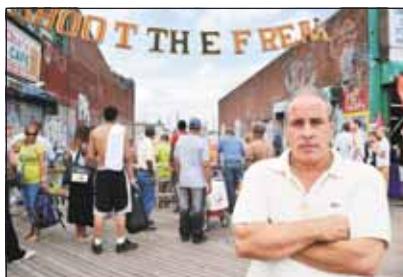
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(As of Tuesday, Aug. 10)

Just one month after federal authorities slaughtered 61 geese in Prospect Park, 61 Canada geese have returned to the lake. What will the geese population on the lake do next? Keep an eye out for *GooseWatch 2010* — our official counter.

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Former hot dog champion free — if he stays out of 'trouble'

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Takeru Kobayashi is a free man!

The legendary hot dog eating champion, arrived in a stunning fashion when he rushed the stage at the July 4 contest in Coney Island, had his case dismissed in court last night.

"I am so sorry," he said, as dozens of reporters and photographers captured every move of this wimp of a man from Japan, who was facing jail for trespassing, obstructing of governmental operation and resisting arrest.

When asked if his legal triumph felt greater than his unprecedented run of six world championships at the Nathan's contest, he said, "It was a more nervous victory."

Officially, Judge Jackie Williams handed down an "adjudgment in contemplation of dismissal" that keeps the legendary eat-free if he "stays out of trouble" and doesn't get arrested during the next six months.

Outside, his fans — well, at least the three who gathered outside the



Photo by Bob Mone

Kobayashi in his "Free Kobi" T-shirt, at his pep walk last month.

Schermerhorn Street courthouse — revolted in the video.

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A thief broke into a Bengal Street apartment and stole an iPhone 4S and an iPhone 4 on Aug. 2. The victim said she was at Bond Street at around 7:10 when the bandit made his move. The victim said she had checked her email and noticed that it only minutes later, it was gone. She lost an assortment of credit cards and IDs. Surveillance cameras captured the creep making his move.

### Studi-oh no!

A jerk stole an assortment of stuff from PNC Studios on Jay Street on July 31.

The worker at the studio told cops that he had been missing in the studio at John Street at around 11 pm. When he returned two days later, the studio was missing a two-lapton and a bicycle.

### Cat burglar

At least two cats were reported missing in the 84th Precinct last week—including one that has been gone since May!

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### Limo lunacy

Two hoods robbed a limo driver on Aug. 7, but were apprehended by the boys in blue.

The driver of the unlicensed

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• A woman said her car had



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# Double trouble on Warren

## 84TH PRECINCT

Brooklyn Heights—  
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A thief snatched an iPhone from a woman on Warren Street on Aug. 7, and then another thief made his move—the two men committed the crime within 12 hours.

The woman told cops that she was between Smith and Hoyt streets at around 12:30 pm when the first thief swiped her family smartphone.

When the victim then gave chase, she dropped her purse, which gave an opportunistic thief the chance to pick it up and swipe \$100.

The victim went to the 84th Precinct, where she told cops that she was between Smith and Hoyt streets at around 11 pm when the second thief crept up and snatched her purse.

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A thief picked the two thugs up at Prospect-Lefferts Gardens at around 3:30 am and drove them to Downtown. An argument ensued in the car, with the driver threatening the other with a knife and stealing \$12 from him.

As the pair demanded more cash, the driver abandoned his car and fled on the streets, crying for help. Witnesses then directed cops towards the Jay Street, Borough Hall and Smith Street area, where the 40-year-old victim, who was charged with grand larceny, was found.

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# They're banking on it

Williamsburg landmark near Peter Luger is up for sale

By Aaron Short

The building is able to cash a check at the Williamsburg Savings Bank anymore, but maybe you can live there. The iconic Williamsburg landmark, built in 1875 and home to HSBC since 1996, is on the market, its broker, Massey Knakal, announced.

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clients.

"Perhaps this building is not what modern bank building is about today," said Parker. "As banking has moved on, and the bank has moved on, the building has moved on. We're looking to improve our experience and service for our clients."

Parker would not reveal the asking price for the building, which has an HSBC Branch, condos can be developed in the upper part

But like its sister building on Hanson Place in Fort Green, which was once a bank, the building is "wonderful" and "massive," but said that the historic site is inconsistent with the needs of the bank's

clients.

Prospective buyers will face strict limitations on what can be built on the Williamsburg Bank site, particularly the main banquet hall and the side wings on either side of the building, which may rule out interest from more condominium developers.

Williamsburg's historic former Williamsburg Savings Bank building is on the market. It could be come fancy condos.

of the building or along the sides, subject to landmark review, and the banquet hall could be rented for special events.

Community Board 1 member Ward Dennis noted that the parking lot portion behind the bank could be developed as a residential or the whole building could be bought by a religious organization, similar to the nearby Williamsburg Trust Company, which is a Greek Orthodox church.

"It was a bank, built around turn of the century, and converted to a church decades ago," said Dennis. "You have precedent for building banks into churches in this neighborhood."



Courtesy of Newmark Grubb Knight Frank

# One punch iPhone robbery on Flatbush Ave

88TH PRECINCT

**Fort Greene—Clinton Hill**  
A 40-year-old man was punched in the face with an iPhone on Flatbush Avenue.

The thug stopped his victim between DeKalb Avenue

and Fulton Street at 11:30 pm when he was on the phone with his smartphone.

The victim, a 24-year-old man, was on the phone with his iPhone when he was punched in the face.

But before the victim responded, the thief lunged forward with one of his heavy meat hooks, flooring him with one blow.



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### MetroMenace

A robbing gang targeted the business end of a pistol to the back of a strap-hanger during a daring mid-morning holdup.

The 37-year-old victim had just entered train station near the corner of Lafayette and Washington Avenues at 11:12 am when an armed man in a dark-colored baseball cap and sunglasses — with a handgun — approached him when the thief crept up behind him, put a gun to his head and forced him to drop his wallet, police were told.

### Markedman

A burglar jumped a 50-year-old man outside the Patchwork of Atlantic Avenue on Aug. 8, leaving him with a small amount of injuries.

The victim told police he had just left the supermarket between Sixth Avenue and Fort Green at 5 am and the stranger stopped him for no reason.

The victim ended up with deep cuts to the back of his head, police said.

### Clinton choke

A 26-year-old woman on Clinton Avenue on Aug. 9 and ultimately ran off with his victim's handgun, Blackberry.

The woman was between Greene and Gates Avenues at 2:35 am when the thief grabbed her, punched her in the head and put her in a headlock before snatching her belongings.

### Four on one

A quarreling quartet was arrested on Aug. 4 for ganguing up on a livery cab.

Officials said the foursome confronted the cabine near the corner of Atlantic Avenue and Fort Greene Avenue at 11:30 pm when the two aspects repeatedly kicked the cabine's 2006 Crown Victoria. They then lunged at the 40-year-old man and unmercifully beat him on the streets.

### Sandman sneak

A thief crept into a woman's S. Elliott Place apartment on Aug. 6 — while her husband slept in the next room — and the two aspects repeatedly kicked the cabine's 2006 Crown Victoria.

The 49-year-old told police that she was counting sheep inside her pad between DeKalb and Lafayette Avenues at 4:40 am when some loud voices woke her up.

Knowing that her room mate was away, the woman snuck out. She then investigated the noise, finding an open window.

A dressed man had rummaged through, but was un-clear if anything was taken, the victim told police.

### Club bikers

Two masked thieves on bicycles

were approached on S. Elliott Place at 4:49 am.

The thief approached the victim at 5:15 pm near Keap Street and the front door and demanded, "Give me your cellphone."

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The thief approached the woman near Monroe Avenue at 4:49 am, and grabbed her pocketbook after a struggle, overpowering her. The robber ran off with \$77 but

### 94TH PRECINCT

#### Greenpoint—Northside

#### Block burglaries

Five businesses in one building on Wythe Avenue were either broken into or burglarized overnight on Aug. 5.

Each business called in its own police report at about 11:30 pm when the thief broke into or burglarized the building.

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### Toys taken

A thief stole a new truck from S. Second Street overnight Aug. 6.

The driver told cops that he parked his car at 2 pm when he returned the next morning, it was gone.

### Morgan mission

A thug robbed a man on Morgan Avenue on Aug. 6 and fled in a red getaway car.

The burglar followed his victim near Grattan Street at 12:45 am and snatched up his head, saying, "Be quiet. I have a gun. Don't make any sudden moves."

The thief grabbed the man's wallet and phone, punched him in the face and fled into a red SUV parked nearby.

### Plymouth pick

A thief took a man's van from S. Second Street at 11:50 pm when he returned the next morning.

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The thief grabbed the man's wallet and phone, punched him in the face and fled into a red SUV parked nearby.

### 90TH PRECINCT

#### Southside—Bushwick

#### Optical illusion

A near-sighted burglar stole a pair of designer sunglasses from a Bushwick Avenue optician on Aug. 6.

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### Mcburglary

A thief broke into a woman's unlocked McKibbin Street apartment on Aug. 6 and snatched up his head, saying, "Be quiet. I have a gun. Don't make any sudden moves."

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### Phone force

A thief took a man's cellphone on S. Fifth Street on Aug. 6.

The burglar followed his victim near the corner of New York and S. Fifth Streets at 12:45 am, smashing the store windows with a metal pipe. The thief then grabbed as many guns, Prada, and Armani sunglasses as he could carry and fled.

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### Frame frame-up

A burglar broke into a Thanes Avenue art supply store on Aug. 4 and stole a pile of tools.

### Tool break

A burglar stole two laptops from a Seigel Street loft on Aug. 5 while its tenant was asleep.

### Cash grab

A robber stole a woman's pocketbook Manhattan Avenue on Aug. 7, but was arrested a few hours later.

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# Dancewave troupe wows in Scotland

By Andy Campbell  
The Brooklyn Paper

The Park Slope youth dance troupe that was robbed of \$10,000, yet was able to re-raise that cash just in time to compete in a prestigious dance festival in Scotland, has made its victorious return, having been the only American representative at the Aberdeen International Youth Festival.

"We were absolutely hard to get to this point, but we were blown away by this whole experience," said Dancewave Director Diana Kotsos, just hours after a travel agent summoned her troupe out of the thousands they saved up for the festival. "These moments—the bad and good—

we will remember for the rest of our lives."

In fact, the troupe of teens made so many waves with its modern performances at the dance festival that the dancers were asked to come back to a bigger competition in Edinburgh — where the adult professionals go to play.

Just months ago, none of this seemed likely. Indeed, just getting to the land of Scots was something out of "Mission: Impossible."

In January, the troupe revealed that a shady business called Adam Travel had stolen all of its funds — hard-earned cash raised with the troupe's own

part-time jobs and some benefit shows — in a con that made Jacobowitz think she was buying airline tickets when she was really paying \$10,000 for unpaid class fees.

Luckily, after reading our coverage, a lawyer gave the Fourth Avenue company some pro-bono representation, which resulted in the bank repaying the expensive fraud. The Slope's strength rallied around the troupe, which received donations of \$10,000 from Nick Kotsos, owner of the S Club, and from the Brooklyn Shattered, as well as endowments from other businesses like Corcoran Realty and British Airways.

The money landed the troupe some worldwide attention. But the dancers' modern routines at top-of-the-line venues like His Majesty's Theatre in London may have been just a possible invitation to the Edinburgh International Festival, a world-renowned dance celebration for the head bowed and the feet kicked.

Jacobowitz joked that there will be a hefty price tag for that festival, too, but said that she's not worried.

"It took us a whole year to get to this point, and we're still not decided," she said. "We were able to surmount all obstacles — getting to Edinburgh will be a matter of keeping our spirit."



The girls from Dancewave in Park Slope finally made their way to Aberdeen, Scotland, and performed as the only American representatives Aberdeen International Youth Festival.

# Strong hands, but they leave empty

## 78TH PRECINCT

### Park Slope

A wannabe burglar with super villain strength broke through the wall of a First



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## Street apartment on Aug. 8

after entering the building through the basement.

The resident told cops that she was sleeping at around 4 a.m. when she was awoken

to discover someone charging into her home, which is between Seventh and Eighth avenues.

She yelled loudly enough to scare off the perp, who wasn't able to swipe anything.

### Desk job

A thief crept through the unlocked door of an Eighth Street apartment on Aug. 5 and stole two computers, two cameras and a MacBook.

Cops said that the burglar entered the home, which is between Eighth and Ninth avenues, between 9 a.m. and 11 p.m. while its residents were away. However, the doors were locked and there were no signs of forced entry.

### Bothead grab

Some jerk tried to steal a credit card from a 10th Avenue apartment sometime between July 29 and Aug. 3.

After the perp nabbed the card from inside the home, he is between First and Second Streets and Garfield Place, he racked up \$5,000 worth of charges.

### Door kick

Cops were stolen this weekend from a possible Kung-fu master who is between First and 13th Streets home on Aug. 6 to steal jewelry, a MacBook and two cameras.

The Bruce Lee wannabe kicked in the front door of the home, which is between Sixth and Seventh avenues, sometime between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

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## 68TH PRECINCT

### Bay Ridge-Dyker Heights

### No service

A man repeatedly whacked a Vernon worker while he sat in his truck on Fort Hamilton Parkway on Aug. 2.

The perp approached the woman near Dean Street between 3rd and 4th Streets and then down the block to take the bag. When he fled, he was screaming, he fled without his desired goods.

### Wheel bad

At least three motorized rides were stolen this weekend. Here are the details:

• A 2003 Suzuki Rendevous was stole from Nevins Street overnight on Aug. 1. The victim, who is between 10th and 11th Streets, was reportedly with an unknown sharer, who caused lacerations on the victim's arm and neck.

The assailant then fled, and the victim fled to a nearby hospital.

### Cars swiped

Cars were hot this week within the 68th Precinct, with three autos taken, including twoancy bbs.

• A 1999 Mercedes was lifted from 71st Street between Shore Road and Narrows Avenue after the owner parked it there on Aug. 30. The car was recovered by the time he returned three days later.

• The second Mercedes was sniped off 80th Street between Fort Hamilton Parkway and 10th Avenue on Aug. 7 between 1:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

• A 1994 Acura was stolen from 10th Avenue between 79th and 80th Streets on Aug. 3 and swiped \$1,600 in jewelry and cameras.

The third car was an apartment, which is between 12th and 13th avenues, at 1 p.m., and returned five hours later to find that his front door had been broken and his valuables were missing.

— Roxanna Asgarian

## 62ND PRECINCT

### Bensonhurst

### 20th Ave murderer

A heavy-handed thief beat a 37-year-old to death on 20th Avenue on Aug. 3, but was arrested 24 hours later.

Witnesses said the victim, who had only been in the United States for nine months, was on 84th Street at 5:20 p.m. when the 36-year-old suspect attacked him, leaving him with multiple lacerations to his head and face. The man died of his injuries a short time later at Coney Island Hospital.

Detectors from the 62nd Precinct said they apprehended the killer after linking him to an earlier dispute.

### Robbed of cell

A thief bluffed his way through a room on Benson Avenue on Aug. 3 after claiming to have a gun hidden under his shirt.

The thief jumped a 14-year-old near 25th Avenue at 2:20 p.m., forcing him to hand over his cell and \$20, police said.

### Side door man

A thief snaked into a 77th Street home on Aug. 5,

taking \$7,000, a safety deposit box key and a pricey statue.

The 37-year-old man, between 16th and 19th Streets, entered after forcing a side door some after 9:15 a.m.

### Frozen out

How do you beat the heat this summer? With a stolen freezer!

Workers from Auto Parts Fuzion Foods on 2nd Street between 16th and 17th avenues said that the store's freezer system was swiped between June and Aug. 5, when someone finally noticed it was missing.

When he came to, he found a Vernon worker rifling through his car on Aug. 2.

In the act, the thief was found to be in his car on 20th Avenue — right in front of the car's owner.

The 30-year-old motorist told police that he left his car between 5th Street and Benson Avenue at 6:30 a.m. and ran inside to get something.

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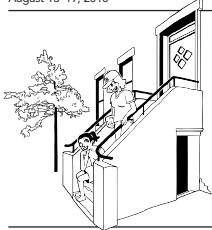
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NEIGHBORHOOD REPORT

## DOWNTOWN



Photo by Nick Lann  
Devon Gordon and Sulaiman Haqq are co-owners of the Brooklyn Van Lines, which wants to replace bus lines that the MTA killed.

## Dollar van man's plan

### Joining city program to replace bus routes

By Gary Buse

The Brooklyn Paper

Sulaiman Haqq is a man with a van, and a plan. Haqq, co-owner of Brooklyn Van Lines, hopes to be the new face of "public" transportation, thanks to a city-led pilot program that will replace service on certain bus lines with private van drivers called "dollar vans" to neighborhoods such as Brownstone Brooklyn previously untapped by the group livery industry.

The plan, controversial as it has been blasted by the transit workers who run it, is illegal, and by van critics, who charge that the vans have a proven record of reckless driving and bad behavior.

But instead of controversy, Haqq only sees only a glimmering opportunity to tap into new territory.

"I am very optimistic," said Haqq.

Under a plan recently approved by the city, livery vans will be allowed to operate along routes that include the B71, which once rumbled through Carroll Gardens and Park Slope, and with Crown Heights. The line was one of 32 city routes eliminated by the added Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

Traditionally, the vans operated in Caribbean-American enclaves, such as Flatbush, East Flatbush and Flatlands, Brooklyn, serving mostly, along wider thoroughfares, such as Flatbush and Nostrand avenues. Haqq doesn't expect problems on narrow streets. "We're smaller than the buses," he noted.

Still, Haqq expects a long road ahead in Brownstone Brooklyn, where drivers have to maneuver slowly, to start. His plan calls for no more than 10 vans to run along any one route, with service every 15 minutes.

The vans will seat up to 20 people, and cost \$2 a ride.

The city will not subsidize the operation.

"This is a new thing here, and we don't want to put them off. We'll be very conservative," he said.

He said he expects to have the van in time, with the help of a free marketing campaign by the city, alerting fitted bus riders that alternatives are available.

Craig Hammerman, the district manager at Community Board 6, which encompasses much of Brownstone Brooklyn, called the plan a "rarefied" one, but the industry has been around for a long time. "Dollar vans don't have the greatest history of being good operators — does that mean that to get service we have to tolerate it?"

The other two bus routes included in the plan are Williamsburg's former B39 line, which voyaged into Manhattan over the Williamsburg Bridge, and the B23, which once connected Kensington to Borough Park.

Allan Friedman, a spokesman for the Tax and Finance Commission, said companies have been selected to participate in the citywide program, which could begin on Aug. 15.

Winston Williams, owner of Blackstreet Van Lines, didn't think the plan would be a success, but the city will be able to sway public opinion to support dollar vans. Moreover, he said, communities have already found ways of coping with the terminated routes.

"Those people are devoted to riders and they're already finding ways to make do," he said. "It's just that this won't be profitable for the van operators."

And the vans may face competition from former city bus drivers, if the Transport Workers Union has its way.

The recently filed a lawsuit to ban the vans from operating on the routes, noting that it is illegal for the city to offer service without a license in the law.

But if you can't beat them, join them.

"The union is setting up a franchise to run vehicles, and it will be employing out-of-work bus drivers," said union attorney Arthur Schwartz.

## PARK SLOPE

# MACABRE MACLAREN

A 'ghost stroller' appears on Union Street

By Jason Forster

The Brooklyn Paper

Call it the ghost stroller. Someone has chained a white-painted baby stroller to a parking sign near the corner of Sixth Avenue and Union Street—an eccentric and similar bicycles that are installed in the scenes of fatal accidents.

The difference here is that no one was killed in the incident involving a dead child or near that corner.

Police records revealed no fatal accidents there, residents and workers said. The stroller has been befooled ever since the stroller appeared in the last few weeks.

"I don't know the story," said Teresa M. of Park Slope.

"All I know is that I walk by here and it scares me ev-



Someone has installed a "ghost stroller" near the corner of Sixth Avenue and Union Street in Park Slope.

ery time."

The macabre MacLaren also features a red toy car in its seat and a white flower

on the possibly lost child.

"It's really eerie," said Park Slope resident Adam

Lavitz. "I hope it's not like the bicycles—like somebody got hit by a car, but that's what it looks like."

## WILLIAMSBURG

# Williamsburg Bridge out!

Want to drive home from Manhattan? Try Queens

By Aaron Short

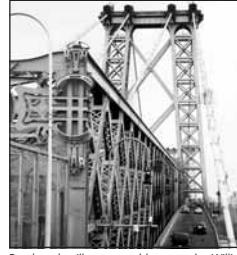
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It is life imitating art — as the Williamsburg Bridge will be partially closed this weekend, as city workers will be closing the bridge to access and travel to the Manhattan Bridge, or worse, to Queens.

From 4 a.m. to 8 p.m. this weekend, city workers will be closing the bridge to the overhead beam on the bridge to Brooklyn tower, which has been damaged by multiple impacts from commercial vehicles.

Just about two weeks ago, a truck entering the bridge from the Brooklyn side, clipped the overhead beam as it was approaching the one temporarily closing the bridge and rupturing several MTA buses.

As a result, two lanes on the castabout roadway were also closed for the past two weeks, as the Department



Road work will cause problems on the Williamsburg Bridge for at least one more weekend.

of Transportation continued its repairs, which snarled traffic at both ends of the bridge.

The walkway and bike path will not be closed, as much of its construction work

has been completed.

This year there has been extensive work on all three bridges that span downtown Brooklyn and Manhattan. Last month, the city announced it would reha-

bitilitate cable stays on the Manhattan Bridge, cutting off traffic on the upper and lower portions for as long as three years. And in April, city officials said the Manhattan-bound lanes will be closed for 24 weekends as the Brooklyn Bridge undergoes a \$200-million renovation project to reinforce its deck.

Major restoration work for the Williamsburg Bridge, a \$173-million project, was scheduled to be completed this May; though minor alterations continue to be conducted.

The last book after author Gary Sheyngart held a reading for his new book, "Super Sad True Love Story" in Fort Greene.

In a book, Sheyngart's protagonist nearly misses picking up his girlfriend from the airport because the Williamsburg Bridge collapsed.

Fortunately, for now, it's just a piece of fiction.

## BAY RIDGE

# Barbecue mess at Owls Head

By Helen Klein

The Brooklyn Paper

day mornings are the absolute worst.

The resident even had to stop her 23-month-old from picking trash left by the picnickers.

"We paid a lot of money for our house, and it's very upsetting to have a very dirty place to live in a park that's filled with trash," she added.

Community Board 10 District Manager Josephine Beckman said that her neighbor received a laundry complaint on Monday morning. She knows that some Owls Head users want the city to set aside some space for grilling, but her loyalty is with the anti-BBQ crowd.

"Owls Head," she said, "is not designed for barbecue" because of its roll-

ing hills and soil erosion problems.

That could explain why Community Board 10 has not asked the Park Department to consider designating space for barbecue in Owls Head — a first step towards legalizing grilling, said Phil Abramson, a spokesman for the agency.

"We are open to reviewing any potential proposals," Abramson said, noting that he made a presentation to the park's neighbors.

Families who barbecue in the park think they're being punished for the neighborhood's reluctance to create a throwable feast inside the park.

"What can we do if everything is illegal?" asked a grill jockey named Luis, who did not give his last name.

Who can exactly lit the fire? Who can exactly write the summons to?" an NYPD source said. "You have to see it happen. If there's a complaint, we are instructed to tell the park that the fire needs to be put out."

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About half of city fifth graders, like the boys in this generic stock image, failed the city's reading test this year.

## Standardized tests

**Are they part of the solution — or a big part of the problem?**

**By Michelle De Meglio**

The Brooklyn Paper

or lasting."

That's not so, said James Liebman, the Education Department's former chief accountability officer.

"These are good things you can learn about whether the education you are providing the child is working," he said. "Test scores are a snapshot of where a child is."

That means they are used by teachers to tailor instruction to children's abilities, according to the Education Department.

"Educators would tell you that knowing what your students have learned and where they have weaknesses is fundamental to teaching," said agency spokesman Matt Mitten.

Education officials insist that test scores are an accurate depiction of how well students have mastered the curriculum, but the agency's own experts say the exams don't indicate whether kids have truly learned anything.

"Standardized testing is not a good way to judge student performance," said David Bloomfield, who is on leave as the head of Brooklyn College's test prep programs. "If a child has gone through a lot of test prep, the learning probably isn't deep

But there are questions about the validity of that "snapshot" now that the state raised the standards for students to pass math and English Language Arts exams. As a result, the tests, which require students to answer more questions correctly, Brooklyn's school district recorded more than 100-percentage-point increases in the percent of fifth-graders passing the exams.

"Scores are so much lower than the last few years," noted James Dandridge, who has taught math at PS 30 on East 96th Street in Coney Island, where the percentage of fifth-graders failing the reading exam jumped from 59 percent in 1999 to 63 percent this year. "Which ones are correct? What are you supposed to believe?"

On top of that, unrelenting test pressure interferes with regular instruction, according to a retired educator.

"For math, I felt it was important to teach certain

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subjects like fractions, but if there's only one question about fractions on the test, [my supervisor] felt it wasn't important to teach fractions," he recalls. Melvin Band, who taught for 32 years at PS 206 on Gravesend Neck Road, in the Rockaway Bay, which recorded an increase from nine percent of fifth-graders failing the exams in 2009 to 27 percent failing this year. "I felt like I was cheating the kids."

Skipping such informative tests is a bad idea, he says, which consists of handing students through previous years' exams, is all the rage, parents say. The pressure to pass these tests is intense, namely because test scores determine whether or not students will be promoted to the next grade (students who fail are subsequently given opportunities, such as teacher evaluation of their coursework).

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sitions. To avoid these results, some teachers are willing to "subsidize" each other's test," Band said. "There are teachers who would say 'OK, you don't care about the test, but we care about the kids,'" he said.

In such an environment,

it's the students who suffer and become uninterested in learning, Band said.

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**Collegetown, USA**  
Downtown is the city's most unexpected cap & gown zone

By Roxanne Asarian  
for The Brooklyn Paper

Every day, people crowd the dense streets of Downtown, a lively area that encompasses large businesses, city government offices, public libraries and more. But within the city's third largest business district lies a surprisingly vast student life.

Downtown is home to eight colleges with a total of about 57,000 students, which makes it one of the most popular areas at state and community levels to the largest public universities in the country — with more students than in Cambridge, Mass.

But there are also state schools that boast large numbers within the confines of a separate, immense college campus, the colleges of downtown Brooklyn stand in seamlessly with the businesses and public buildings that surround them.

Many of the students come from Brooklyn resident Markowitz, stressing the importance of continually redeveloping the area to help the college community, and sense of campus life, grow.

"The public and private development already underway in downtown Brooklyn is fundamental to the process of branding Brooklyn as a truly world-class college town," Markowitz said.

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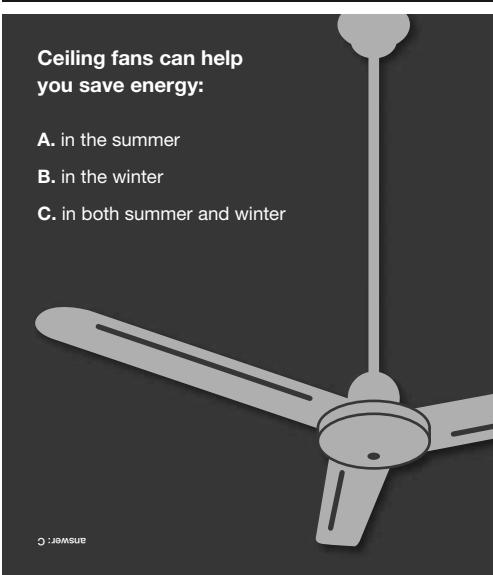
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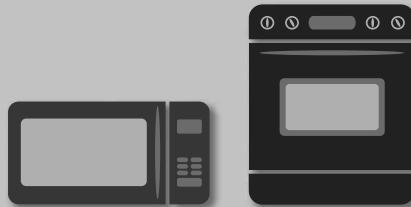
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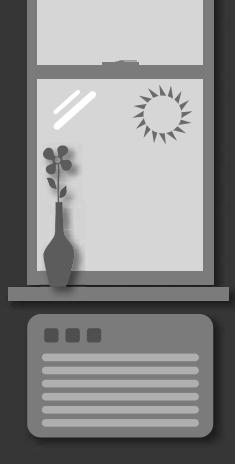
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Club houses: (Left to right) Floyd owner, Sean Neill, will be backing Tottenham Hotspur. Chris Sell, owner of Chip Shop, lifts a glass of refreshment for the tabs on Arsenal. Jason Furlani, owner of Roebing Inn, shows his colors for his team: Liverpool.

# Fever pitch

Atlantic Ave the place to be for British soccer 'action'

By Meredith Deliso  
*The Brooklyn Paper*

**G**et those red cards ready!

Or should it be red Brooklyn Heights, there's not one, not two, but three soccer bars, merely doors apart, that all hold an allegiance to different British football clubs — or, as we like to hear across the pond, soccer teams to have a strip of soccer bars right there, but it's pretty cool," said Jason Furlani, owner of the Roebing Inn, one of the avenue's newer bars that will be soccer games once the Premier League kicks off on Aug. 14. "I don't really see that anywhere else."

Most Americans only tune into soccer every four years for the World Cup, but Furlani's been watching British soccer bars, especially on Atlantic Avenue, for years — ever since a Liverpool pal got him into the team.

So with the season starting, it seemed like a no-brainer to know where he'd be at his, called the Roebing Inn. Atlantic Avenue's Chip Shop and Floyd have been giving Brooklyn's British soccer fans — and even some from West Brooklyn, too — a home for the past few years.

"We've always had a following, but it's getting bigger," said Chip Shop owner Chris Sell. "We've added a bunch of TVs two years ago, and even replaced the ones we had with new ones."

The restaurant is an official supporter of the Arsenal Football Club, based out of North London. When the games are on, you can enjoy some beer specials, as well as an English breakfast, which, given the popularity of these games here because of the time difference, is a big hit, said Sell.

"We're the family venue," he said. "It's a safe environment where mothers can bring their kids in for games. You're not going to hear drunken Liverpool supporters."

That you can have to the Roebing Inn, which is an official supporter of the Liverpool Club, Liverpool's first game is against Chip Shop's Arsenal on Aug. 15,

## SPORTS

**R**oebing Inn (97 Atlantic Ave, between Henry and Hicks streets in Brooklyn Heights, 718) 260-0048; **Chip Shop** (129 Atlantic Ave, between Clinton and Clinton streets in Brooklyn Heights, 718) 255-7755; and **Floyd** (31 Atlantic Ave, between Clinton and Clinton streets in Brooklyn Heights, 718) 858-5810).

and, given the two team's long-seated rivalry, is going to be big. Just don't expect as much drama between the two bars.

"It's not like the Chip Shop," said Furlani. "They don't need any drama."

Floyd owner Sean Neill also speaks highly of his neighbors.

"We import a lot of English tradition,

but not any kind of hooliganism," said Neill, whose bar is known primarily for its indoor soccer ball courts but also for its devotion to the Spurs — not the basketball team, but the London-based Tottenham Hotspur Football Club. "Tottenham Spurs supporters used to locate to Floyd a year after we opened, around 2004," he said.

Testament to that, signed shirts, photographs and flags all belonging to the Tottenham team can be found throughout the bar.

"Spurs fans in the UK send us things or bring them on a visit all the time," said Neill. "We seem to be well-known across the world."

Tottenham's first game is on Aug. 14 against Manchester City, though you'll want to mark your calendars for Nov. 21,

when the Spurs play their most bitter rivals: Chip Shop's Arsenal (man, this team gets around!).

"The Spurs-Arsenal animosity is one of the strongest in the Premier League," said Neill. "It's a bit like the Yankees and the Red Sox."

"To Spurs fans, that's the most important game of the year."

Indeed, last year's game against the two rivals drew over 100 fans — a good turnout for a soccer match — and — Floy and Floyd to watch the game. And when the Spurs won, they partied all day long, singing and shouting.

"There's a lot of chanting, some of it pretty bad," said Neill. "It's not a good time for children to be in the bar."

That's not the only few feet to the tamer Chip Shop.

**GOONERS, YIDS AND SPURS — YOUR GUIDE TO BRIT SOCCER:** Don't know which British soccer team to root for? Here's a quick primer for the official clubs of Roebing Inn, Chip Shop and Floyd — Liverpool, Arsenal and Tottenham, respectively — so you can figure out which scarf to buy, and where to watch the games, once the season kicks off on Friday.

TEAM	LIVERPOOL	ARSENAL	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR
<b>Nickname</b>	The Reds	The Gunners	Spurs
<b>Fan nickname</b>	Kopite	Gooneers	Yids
<b>Founded</b>	1892	1866	1882
<b>Hometown</b>	Liverpool	Holloway, North London	Tottenham, North London
<b>2009 finish</b>	Seventh place	Third place	Fourth place
<b>Fun fact</b>	Tied with Manchester United as the most successful team in the history of English football with 18 league titles, though hasn't won since 1990.	Won 13 Premier League titles; holds the record for the longest uninterrupted period in the English top flight and is the only side to have completed a Premier League season unbeaten.	Won a trophy in each of the last six decades — an achievement only matched by Manchester United
<b>Chant</b>	"And it's Liverpool/Liverpool F.C./We're by far the greatest team!/the world has ever seen."	"Arsenal till I die!/Arsenal till I die!/I know I am!/I'm sure I am!/Arsenal till I die."	"Oh when the Spurs/Go marching in/Oh when the Spurs go marching in!/I wanna be that number/When the Spurs go marching in."

## MUSIC

### Cult classic

Twenty years after calling it quits, The Mommieheads are back at it, pulling from their six-album canon and rocking out like it's 1992. The 1980s and '90s saw the mellow rock band rise on indie labels, and, after years of critical success and stellar live shows, sign to Geffen (soh, big time) in 1992, only to be dropped a year later, they were dropped.

After briefly reuniting to play a series of memorial shows for its deceased drummer, they went back to their day jobs as computer programmers and computer game developers, thinking they were really done this time.

But Sweden just wouldn't stop calling. "They were like, 'We're going to make sure you get back together and come here,'" said singer/guitarist Elk, who had been pretty huge over there. "It was like getting the guys out of the old-age home — let's get the band back together!'

Elk has gotten back into writing, revising a 1970s prog rock for some inspiration, and the foursome will be at Park Slope's Rock Shop on Aug. 19. Expect some new songs, plus the group's tight musicianship and XTC-like layered sound.

The Mommieheads aren't cutting the cord again anytime soon.

The Mommieheads at Rock Shop (249 Fourth Ave, between President and Carroll streets in Park Slope, 718) 230-3100, Aug. 19 at 8 p.m. Tickets \$8. For info, visit [www.therockshopny.com](http://therockshopny.com). — *Meredith Deliso*

## THEATER

### 'Dream' on

There was Shakespeare in the Park this summer. Now there's Calderon in the Park.

Festival of Fools got tired of the prevalence of the Bard in outdoor productions, so this month, the Park Slope-based company is putting on Pedro Calderon de la Barca's best-known play, *La vida es sueño*, or *Life is a Dream*, for two weekends at the Prospect Park pavilion.

"It's a classical verse; it's a pity that it isn't being explored anymore," said Artistic Director Tim Bungard. "My goal is to bring in a new Neo-Classical theater for a modern audience in a modern vernacular."

This 400-year-old play isn't quite so solemn, but it's a great story that can be set in the '70s and without special effects. The story follows Segismund, a prince of Poland who is imprisoned after living up to a prophecy that predicted that he would rule with tyranny. After his banishment, he has tried determining what's real and what's not in his dreams.

Plus, there are epic sword battles.

"*Life is a Dream*" at the Prospect Park Pagoda (enter park at Empire Boulevard and Ocean Avenue) on Friday, Aug. 20, and Saturday, Aug. 21 at 2 p.m. Free. For info, visit [www.festivaloffools.com](http://festivaloffools.com). — *Meredith Deliso*

## DINING

### Wicked yo

Jeepers, creepers! Wicked Spoon, Park Slope's new frozen yogurt joint, is offering fro-yo lovers more than just cherries and chocolate sauce on top — like chocolate-covered crickets or wasabi pearls.

And you know what? It's not just a gimmick. It adds a nice twist (you mostly taste the chocolate anyway) and the spicy peas are a nice way to undercut the richness and creaminess of owner Alex Rozhitsky high-quality treats.

Of course, for the traditionalists, there's always the standard toppings such as banana flambé sauce or Jacques Torres chocolate-covered cherries.

Rozhitsky has big plans for the store, including introducing a new flavor every month in August, and will be covered here and opening two more stores within the next year. Also on the horizon is an iPhone app.

There may yet be more bugs, too. "Crickets come just the beginning," said Rozhitsky.

Wicked Spoon (321 Ninth St., between Fifth and Sixth avenues in Park Slope, 718) 335-2890. — *Kristen V. Brown*

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# WHERE TO GO

## EDITORS' PICKS

<p><b>SATURDAY</b> August 14</p> <p></p> <p><b>Sketchy situation</b> Be a student of Dr. Sketchy's Anti-Art School, which jazzes up the fine art of painting by using cabinet models. For this week's class, two models will be dressed like Warhol superstars, with one taking inspiration from Bianca Jagger's emoji. Starts at 8 p.m. \$40 on a white card. And another channel—Edie Sedgwick.</p> <p>2 p.m. Dr. Sketchy's Anti-Art School at Brooklyn Museum [200 Eastern Pkwy., at Washington Avenue, between Heights, (718) 538-5000]. Aug. 14, 2-4 p.m. \$15, regular admission required. For info, visit <a href="http://www.brooklynmuseum.org">www.brooklynmuseum.org</a>.</p>	<p><b>SUNDAY</b> August 15</p> <p></p> <p><b>This is not Sparta!</b> Wield spears, sling mud, and race like a Spartan at Floyd Bennett Field's annual Spartan Race — the "American Gladiator" meets Navy SEAL training — is a 5K run based upon the type of fitness training Spartan warriors underwent in ancient Greece. For those not brave enough to enter, there will be live entertainment, BBQ, and games all day.</p> <p>8 a.m. Spartan Race at Floyd Bennett Field [Flatbush Avenue and Aviation Ave., in Marine Park, (718) 782-5000]. Free to watch. For info, visit <a href="http://www.spartanrace.com">www.spartanrace.com</a>.</p>	<p><b>MONDAY</b> August 16</p> <p></p> <p><b>Boobs and BBQ</b> Satisfy all your stomach's (and other organs') desires at the first-ever Burley 'Cue Revue. Williamsburg's Fatty 'Cue, an Asian-fusion BBQ joint — is hosting this 10-course meal and two-hour burlesque show. Finally, there's flesh on the plate and flesh on the stage. It's our pig-and-duddy-loving editor's dream night!</p> <p>9 a.m. Fatty 'Cue Revue at Fatty 'Cue [500 6th St., between Berry Street and Bedford Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 599-3090]. \$65. To reserve a spot, e-mail <a href="mailto:events@fattycue.com">events@fattycue.com</a>.</p>	<p><b>WEDNESDAY</b> August 18</p> <p></p> <p><b>Taste o' Brooklyn</b> Join author Sherry Eisenberg for free tastings at a series of Fort Greene's finest eateries. The award-winning travel writer, who recently penned "The Food Lover's Guide to Brooklyn," will show off the cuisine of several local restaurants, among them are No. 7, Cake Man Tavern, and the Habana Outpost.</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Foods of Brooklyn [686 Fulton St., between S. Portland Ave. and S. Elliott Pl. in Williamsburg, (718) 230-1000]. Free. For info, visit <a href="http://www.abookstoreinbrooklyn.blogspot.com">www.abookstoreinbrooklyn.blogspot.com</a>.</p>
		<p><b>THURSDAY</b> August 19</p> <p></p> <p><b>Bombs away!</b> The B-52s, the fabulous foursome behind the iconic pop songs "Love Shack" and "Rock Lobster," will turn Astor Levy Seaside Park into a dance party. With their out-of-this-world, lo-fi sound, nonsensical lyrics, and quirky, B-movie style, the B-52s are the unlikely pop stars. But they are 25 years and 20 million albums later.</p> <p>7:30 p.m. B-52s at Astor Levy Seaside Park [W. Fifth Street and Surf Avenue in Coney Island, (718) 222-9200]. Free. For info, visit <a href="http://www.brooklynconcerts.com">www.brooklynconcerts.com</a>.</p>	

## NINE DAYS IN BROOKLYN

<p><b>FRI, AUG. 13</b></p> <p><b>GREENPOINT FLEA MARKET:</b> noon-8 p.m. Greenpoint Reformed Church [138 Milton St., between Manhattan Avenue and Greenpoint Avenue in Greenpoint, (718) 383-5941].</p> <p><b>READING, "CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF MEATBALLS":</b> Storytelling with Rep. Edolphus Towns [1 p.m. Brooklyn Children's Museum [115 Brooklyn Ave., at the corner of Flatbush Avenue in Crown Heights, (718) 735-4400]. \$10. For info, visit <a href="http://www.musicalstage.org">www.musicalstage.org</a>.</p> <p><b>MUSIC, MIDGET:</b> 7 p.m. Barbes [376 Ninth St., at Sixth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 238-9447]. <a href="http://www.barbesbrooklyn.com">www.barbesbrooklyn.com</a>.</p> <p><b>COMEDY NIGHT:</b> Hosted by Nick Searcy [8 p.m. Brooklyn Academy of Music [303 Cadman Plaza East, between Fourth and Fifth Aves., in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 624-5000]. \$15. For info, visit <a href="http://www.brooklynacademyofmusic.org">www.brooklynacademyofmusic.org</a>.</p> <p><b>MUSIC, PLATE GRANDE:</b> "The Jazz in the Garden" series [5 p.m., 8 p.m. Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture [1000 Union Street at Second Street in Park Slope, (718) 735-2000]. <a href="http://www.brooklynacademyofmusic.org">www.brooklynacademyofmusic.org</a>.</p> <p><b>MUSIC, CLASSICAL CONCERT:</b> With David Holzman, piano [525 for 20 for students, 55 for seniors, 60 for Gemarmonic] [Fulton Ferry Landing, Old Fulton Street and Furman Street, between Fourth and Fifth Aves., in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 624-5000]. <a href="http://www.brooklynacademyofmusic.org">www.brooklynacademyofmusic.org</a>.</p> <p><b>THEATER, "DEVILS":</b> 8 p.m. Brooklyn Academy of Music [1000 Union Street at Second Street in Park Slope, (718) 735-2000]. <a href="http://www.brooklynacademyofmusic.org">www.brooklynacademyofmusic.org</a>.</p> <p><b>MUSIC, CONCERT:</b> "Jazz at the Park" [8 p.m. Walgreen's [4049 Third Ave., at 94th Street, in Bay Ridge, (718) 748-6733].</p> <p><b>HEART, BIRDS:</b> 8 p.m. "Birds" [8 p.m. Williamsburg, (718) 384-5212].</p> <p><b>THEATER, "LIFE IS A DREAM":</b> A Festival of Foods performs Puerto Rican culture and tradition in a little-known play. <b>Free.</b> 2 p.m. Prospect Park Music Pagoda [Enter the park at the corner of Prospect Place and Prospect Park, (718) 384-5212].</p> <p><b>MUSIC, SUMMER BANJO WORKSHOP:</b> "WITH EWE LADIN": 8 p.m. Walgreen's [315 Columbus St., between Hamilton Avenue and Waterfront, (718) 395-3214]. <a href="http://www.brooklynacademyofmusic.org">www.brooklynacademyofmusic.org</a>.</p> <p><b>FRIDAY NIGHT FIREWORKS:</b> Spectacular fireworks display, green over the Seaport. <b>Free.</b> 7:30 p.m. Brooklyn Island Boardwalk [at W. 10th Street in Coney Island, (718) 372-5159]. <a href="http://www.coneyislandfireworks.com">www.coneyislandfireworks.com</a>.</p> <p><b>MUSIC, HOWARD FISHMAN:</b> Draw [7 p.m. Williamsburg, (718) 384-5212]. <a href="http://www.brooklynacademyofmusic.org">www.brooklynacademyofmusic.org</a>.</p> <p><b>MUSIC, BANDA SINALOENSE DE LOS MUERTOS:</b> 8 p.m. Barbes [376 Ninth St., at Sixth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 965-9177]. <a href="http://www.barbesbrooklyn.com">www.barbesbrooklyn.com</a>.</p> <p><b>MUSIC, GROUPS &amp; FRIENDS:</b> 10 p.m. Jalyopy [315 Columbia St., between Hamilton Avenue and Waterfront, (718) 395-3214]. <a href="http://www.brooklynacademyofmusic.org">www.brooklynacademyofmusic.org</a>.</p> <p><b>THEATER, "LIFE IS A DREAM":</b> A Festival of Foods performs Puerto Rican culture and tradition in a little-known play. <b>Free.</b> 2 p.m. Prospect Park Music Pagoda [Enter the park at the corner of Prospect Place and Prospect Park, (718) 384-5212].</p> <p><b>MUSIC, SUMMER BANJO WORKSHOP:</b> "WITH EWE LADIN": 8 p.m. Walgreen's [315 Columbus St., between Hamilton Avenue and Waterfront, (718) 395-3214]. <a href="http://www.brooklynacademyofmusic.org">www.brooklynacademyofmusic.org</a>.</p> <p><b>THEATER, "LIFE IS A DREAM":</b> A Festival of Foods performs Puerto Rican culture and tradition in a little-known play. <b>Free.</b> 2 p.m. Prospect Park Music Pagoda [Enter the park at the corner of Prospect Place and Prospect Park, (718) 384-5212].</p> <p><b>MUSIC, CLASSICAL CONCERT:</b> With Amerinet String Quartet [535 Union Street at the corner of Fourth and Fulton, (718) 200-2000]. <a href="http://www.brooklynacademyofmusic.org">www.brooklynacademyofmusic.org</a>.</p> <p><b>THEATER, "HAMLET":</b> 8 p.m. The Black Block [376 Bay 44th St., between Bedford Avenue and Berry Street in Williamsburg, (718) 238-9447]. <a href="http://www.barbesbrooklyn.com">www.barbesbrooklyn.com</a>.</p> <p><b>ARTISTS AND FLEAS:</b> 5 p.m. See Friday.</p> <p><b>MUSIC, SWEET SOUBRETTE:</b> Plays the ukulele and sings about love with a band [7 p.m. Walgreen's [315 Columbus St., between Hamilton Avenue and Waterfront, (718) 395-3214]. <a href="http://www.brooklynacademyofmusic.org">www.brooklynacademyofmusic.org</a>.</p> <p><b>SAT, AUG. 14</b></p> <p><b>OUTDOORS AND TOURS</b></p> <p><b>GREEN MARKET:</b> Healthy, delicious products ranging from produce to</p>	<p></p> <p><b>The 'Greatest':</b> Muhammad Ali (best looking guy in the shot) campaigns for mayoral candidate Percy Sutton in this rare 1977 photo, currently on display at the Skylight Gallery.</p>	<p><b>http://</b> Find lots more listings online at <a href="http://BrooklynPaper.com/Events">BrooklynPaper.com/Events</a></p>
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<p><b>FRI, AUG. 13</b></p> <p><b>NIGHTLIFE, WASBASSO BURLESQUE:</b> 10:11 p.m. Union Hall [720 Union Street at the corner of Union Street and Fulton Street, (718) 788-9700]. <a href="http://www.unionhall.com">www.unionhall.com</a>.</p> <p><b>CLUBS:</b> Groups run for intermediate and advance runners. <b>Free.</b> 7 p.m. Barbes [376 Ninth St., at Sixth Avenue and Prospect Park West in Park Slope, (718) 238-9447]. <a href="http://www.barbesbrooklyn.com">www.barbesbrooklyn.com</a>.</p> <p><b>PERFORMANCE</b></p> <p><b>THEATER, "SPACEMEN FROM SPACE":</b> Based on the p-piano of the same name, the show [8 p.m. Brick Theater [575 Metropolitan Avenue, between Union Street and Fulton Street, (718) 788-9700]. <a href="http://www.bricktheater.com">www.bricktheater.com</a>.</p> <p><b>MUSIC, CONCERT:</b> "WALDO WORKSHOP WITH EWE LADIN": 8 p.m. Walgreen's [315 Columbus St., between Hamilton Avenue and Waterfront, (718) 395-3214]. <a href="http://www.brooklynacademyofmusic.org">www.brooklynacademyofmusic.org</a>.</p> <p><b>THEATER, "LIFE IS A DREAM":</b> A Festival of Foods performs Puerto Rican culture and tradition in a little-known play. <b>Free.</b> 2 p.m. Prospect Park Music Pagoda [Enter the park at the corner of Prospect Place and Prospect Park, (718) 384-5212].</p> <p><b>MUSIC, SUMMER BANJO WORKSHOP:</b> "WITH EWE LADIN": 8 p.m. Walgreen's [315 Columbus St., between Hamilton Avenue and Waterfront, (718) 395-3214]. <a href="http://www.brooklynacademyofmusic.org">www.brooklynacademyofmusic.org</a>.</p> <p><b>THEATER, "LIFE IS A DREAM":</b> A Festival of Foods performs Puerto Rican culture and tradition in a little-known play. <b>Free.</b> 2 p.m. Prospect Park Music Pagoda [Enter the park at the corner of Prospect Place and Prospect Park, (718) 384-5212].</p> <p><b>MUSIC, CLASSICAL CONCERT:</b> With Amerinet String Quartet [535 Union Street at the corner of Fourth and Fulton, (718) 200-2000]. <a href="http://www.brooklynacademyofmusic.org">www.brooklynacademyofmusic.org</a>.</p> <p><b>THEATER, "HAMLET":</b> 8 p.m. The Black Block [376 Bay 44th St., between Bedford Avenue and Berry Street in Williamsburg, (718) 238-9447]. <a href="http://www.barbesbrooklyn.com">www.barbesbrooklyn.com</a>.</p> <p><b>ARTISTS AND FLEAS:</b> 5 p.m. See Friday.</p> <p><b>MUSIC, CLASSICAL CONCERT:</b> With Amerinet String Quartet [535 Union Street at the corner of Fourth and Fulton, (718) 200-2000]. <a href="http://www.brooklynacademyofmusic.org">www.brooklynacademyofmusic.org</a>.</p> <p><b>THEATER, "SPACEMEN FROM SPACE":</b> 7 p.m. See Saturday, Aug. 14.</p> <p><b>ARTISTS AND FLEAS:</b> Noon-8 p.m. See Saturday, Aug. 14.</p> <p><b>PERFORMERS MARKET:</b> 11 a.m.-5 p.m. 1 p.m. Williamsburg, (718) 222-9200. <a href="http://www.artsandculture.org">www.artsandculture.org</a>.</p> <p><b>THEATER, "DEAD":</b> 7 p.m. See Fri., Aug. 13.</p> <p><b>MUSIC, CLASSICAL CONCERT:</b> With Amerinet String Quartet [535 Union Street at the corner of Fourth and Fulton, (718) 200-2000]. <a href="http://www.brooklynacademyofmusic.org">www.brooklynacademyofmusic.org</a>.</p> <p><b>SALES AND MARKETS</b></p> <p><b>PS2 FLEA MARKET:</b> Free. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Walgreen's [315 Columbus St., between Hamilton Avenue and Waterfront, (718) 395-3214]. <a href="http://www.brooklynacademyofmusic.org">www.brooklynacademyofmusic.org</a>.</p> <p><b>WORKSHOP, CREATIVE ART MAKERS:</b> 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Brooklyn Museum [200 Eastern Parkway, between Fourth and Fifth Aves., in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 533-3000]. <a href="http://www.brooklynmuseum.org">www.brooklynmuseum.org</a>.</p> <p><b>THEATER, "HAMLET":</b> The Lost Weekend [376 Bay 44th St., between Bedford Avenue and Berry Street in Williamsburg, (718) 238-9447]. <a href="http://www.barbesbrooklyn.com">www.barbesbrooklyn.com</a>.</p> <p><b>SUN, AUG. 15</b></p> <p><b>OUTDOORS AND TOURS</b></p> <p><b>HEALTH, BROOKLYN ROAD RUNNERS:</b> 9 a.m. See Saturday.</p>	<p></p> <p><b>http://</b> Find lots more listings online at <a href="http://BrooklynPaper.com/Events">BrooklynPaper.com/Events</a></p>	<p><b>http://</b> Find lots more listings online at <a href="http://BrooklynPaper.com/Events">BrooklynPaper.com/Events</a></p>
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**WORKSHOP, LEARN HOW TO MAKE A FILM** [MOVIE SCREENPLAY]

3rd Ward [573 Metropolitan Avenue, between 3rd Street and Union Avenue in Williamsburg, between 3rd and 4th Streets]. \$100. [www.3rdward.com/creative-screenwriting-the.html](http://www.3rdward.com/creative-screenwriting-the.html)

**MUSIC, IAN RIGGS:** 7 pm. Barnes [376 Ninth Street, between 4th and 5th Streets in Park Slope, (718) 965-9177]. [www.bardessbrooklyn.com](http://www.bardessbrooklyn.com)

**MUSIC, CLINIC:** 7:30 pm. 3rd Ward [573 Metropolitan Avenue, between 3rd Street and Union Avenue in Williamsburg, between 3rd and 4th Streets]. \$15. [www.bardessbrooklyn.com](http://www.bardessbrooklyn.com)

**MUSIC, WILL SCOTT, VICTORIA FOX, CALEB HAWLEY:** 7 pm. Free. 7:30 pm. Union Hall [702 Union Street, at Fifth Avenue, between 7th and 8th Streets in Brooklyn Heights]. [www.bardessbrooklyn.com](http://www.bardessbrooklyn.com)

**MUSIC, SPANGLISH FLY:** 7 pm. Free. 7:30 pm. Union Hall [702 Union Street, at Fifth Avenue, between 7th and 8th Streets in Brooklyn Heights]. [www.bardessbrooklyn.com](http://www.bardessbrooklyn.com)

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**DANCING UNDER THE STARS:** Programming for the 2010 season. 7 pm. Washington Park [Fifth Avenue at Third Street, between 14th and 15th Streets in Brooklyn Heights]. [www.bardessbrooklyn.com](http://www.bardessbrooklyn.com)

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**MUSIC, CYNTHIA HOPKINS:** Enchanting sets of songs by 7 pm. Petey's Candy Store [100 3rd Street in Williamsburg, between 3rd and 4th Streets]. \$10. [www.petescandystore.com](http://www.petescandystore.com)

**MUSIC, PUPPETS JAZZ COLLECTIVE JAM SESSION:** \$5 musicians, \$10 non-musicians. 8 pm. Petey's Candy Store [100 3rd Street in Williamsburg, between 3rd and 4th Streets]. \$10. [www.puppetsjazz.com](http://www.puppetsjazz.com)

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**GOAT FARM:** Free. 3-7 pm. Dyker Beach [Farm [1030 86th Street, between 103rd and 104th Streets in Dyker Heights, (718) 836-7722 X 225]. [www.gothamgoatfarm.com](http://www.gothamgoatfarm.com)

**ART OPENING:** THIS IS LIFE REFLECTED THROUGH ART: Group exhibition. 6 pm. Brooklyn Museum [200 Eastern Parkway, at Washington Avenue, between 3rd and 4th Streets in Brooklyn Heights]. [www.brooklynmuseum.org](http://www.brooklynmuseum.org)

**WORKSHOP, CLOTHES:** All skill levels invited. Free. 6 pm. Brooklyn Public Library [100 Flatbush Avenue at Flatbush Avenue in Grand Army Plaza, between 3rd and 4th Streets in Brooklyn Heights]. [www.bardessbrooklyn.com](http://www.bardessbrooklyn.com)

**FOOD FESTIVAL:** All-you-can-eat including tasting menus. 11 am-11 pm. Greenlight [150 55th Street at W. 17th St. in Coney Island, (718) 449-8497]. [www.greenlightnyc.com](http://www.greenlightnyc.com)

**TAALK, REAL STATE BROOKLYN LYN STYLE:** Workshop about buying, selling, renting and maintaining real estate in Brownstone Brooklyn. 7 pm. Greenlight [150 55th Street and South Portland Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 449-8497]. [www.parkslopeoffthewall.com](http://www.parkslopeoffthewall.com)

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drive the Crusader to Krazy.

The sidewalk on Bedford Avenue and the surrounding streets is indeed filled with chained-up bikes, especially near the subway station at N. Seventh Street. Locking a bike on a city-provided rack is legal, but locking a bike to any object, like a park sign or bus stop, is not. And that, plus the handful of bikes that appear to be abandoned, has the Crusader worried.

"We need to clear the sidewalk for people in wheelchairs and people getting out of cars," the Crusader said. "I don't want that to turn to this," but "the Yuppies ... have turned this beautiful neighborhood into an eyesore. Watch out for your locks."

Naturally, bike enthusiasts aren't so enthused by the threats. Activist Birchuk Herzfeld — owner of the TrailBike Geshft shop in

the neighborhood — doesn't deny that bikes are left out since from time to time, but notes that the removal (or destruction) of loitering bikes is up to the Department of Sanitation.

"We can understand the frustration, but I cannot support destruction — it's never a positive move," Herzfeld said. "The way people treat their bikes off-the-rack is not. And that, plus the handful of bikes that appear to be abandoned, has the Crusader worried."

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quite the contrary.

"Some people have psychiatric experiences," said Kubli, who has had about 20 one-to-one sessions in the past year. "I mean, like, a sick, twisted maniac — or, even worse, like Jeff Goldblum in 'The World's End.' " A freshman's mind must be free of such imagery by Geena Davis?

No worry, Kubli said. The tank is a meditative exercise, there are no side effects involving genetic mutations.

Count me in.

Of course, I had some reservations as Kubli ushered me into the tank, which looks like it's straight out of 2001:

enough to make me able to float without any effort. The water was at body temperature, with the rest of the tank making it unclear where the water level began and ended.

Soon after shutting the door on reality, I stretched out, let my ears take in the water and closed my eyes. Kubli's voice, echoing underwater through speakers installed in the sides of the tank.

"You're in a zero-gravity environment ... imagine yourself as a political active person, regardless of whether you are or not."

I tried for a moment to think about politics, but was preoccupied with more immediate concerns: "Wow, look at that light-insect creeping around the tank. What is that? Where did it just get even darker in here? Hey, why is there a ray of light at my feet? Where is that music coming from? Why do I hear a subway rolling into the station? Am I running to get out of here? Am I going to die in here?"

And then, sooner than I could say, "Get me the hell out of here!" it was over.

"You were 45 minutes," Kubli said.

The mental heavy lifting was done in the name of art, of course. Kubli envisions his piece as an enriching experience that will hopefully make a person become more politically engaged.

"I hope to use the experience," Kubli had me spend time in the "context space,"

where he had arranged an asortment of books and audio recordings to get me ready to enter the tank.

One of the books was by John C. Lilly — a pioneer in isolation experiments.

He said that the zero g

experience presented an opportunity for new modes of thought.

It certainly was exhilarating, but I can't say that my political sensibilities changed, though that would certainly be the case for anyone else that goes in the tank. As Kubli said, "The experience is different for everyone — it's also planting the seed of an idea."

I don't know if any ideas were planted in my brain, but I did learn that somewhere in my brain, there is a hint of an idea.

"FLOAT! Thinktank 21"

at Marian Spore gallery

(55 Third St. between Second and Third avenues

in Sutton Place, (646) 620-7758) opens Aug. 7 and runs through September.

It is booked solid, but Kubli

is trying to open more timeslots.

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### NY Methodist's cutting-edge radiation procedure

New York Methodist Hospital is now offering a new type of radiation therapy for select patients with difficult-to-treat or inoperable tumors.

The procedure, stereotactic body radiation therapy, is specifically designed to deliver radiation therapy to precisely to tumors in the lung, liver, spine and pancreas — tumors that could not be treated as precisely with conventional radiation therapy and may be inoperable.

Liver cancer, for example, is a leading cause of death. Stereotactic body radiation therapy treats tumors without damaging the surrounding tissue.

The precision associated with the new procedure helps reduce the dose of radiation to normal tissue around a tumor, allowing for a more effective treatment while it

delivers a high dose of radiation.

Stereotactic body radiation therapy is given for just three days, and each treatment takes only about 15 minutes.

"We knew that this technology would be ideal for certain tumors," said Dr. Hany Ashammakha, chairman of radiation oncology at the hospital. But, he added, researchers first had to develop ways to immobilize a patient and track mobile tumors precisely as they move by the breathing cycle, such as lung and liver tumors, through a technique called "respiratory gating."

Respiratory gating is the latest advance in radiation oncology to permit a reduction in the volume of normal tissue treated. Using a motion-tracking system, CT scanner (the fourth dimension is time) and computers capable of storing and manipulating the necessary 1,500 CT images, radiation oncologists measure the tumor's position during breathing and customize the treatment field to those changes based on the magnitude and direction of tumor motion.

"We are very pleased with the results," said Ashammakha.

For more information about stereotactic body radiation therapy and other radiation therapy procedures visit NYMethodistHospital.org/506 Sixth St., between Seventh and Eighth avenues in Park Slope, (718) 780-3677.

## KOBI...

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win."

But Kobayashi was not competing at the July 4 competition because of a contract dispute with Major League Eating, the governing body of all stomach-center sports. As the competition's alternate frontstage, while champion Joey Chestnut was celebrating, Kobayashi rushed the stage, bowed to his fans, and was arrested for trespassing.

Today, he still claimed that the contract, which requires him to only compete in MLE-sanctioned contests and events, unfairly binds him to the league. He reiterated outside the courthouse that he will not compete with Chestnut. Rather, he has negotiated a deal to compete at a non-sanctioned Aug. 21 contest in Canada, though his translator, a Major League competitor, no deal exists that the contest would be "against people, not animals."

George T. Lee, the executive director of Major League Eating, would not comment on the ruling, saying only that he defers "entirely" to the District Attorney, who understands these measures.

But Shea did address the central issue: Kobayashi's objection to the MLE contract,

a "reserve clause," if you will that prevents top athletes from leaving.

"I don't understand his objection to this day," Shea said. "He doesn't like the contract, then don't enter our competition. If you want to be a part of Major League Eating, he's got to have to do."

Shea said that the end of the legal saga was not a sad day for competitive eating because "this has nothing to do with competitive eating — it's to do with legal issues that come from business."

"Competitive eating," Shea added, "has been never more robust and more dynamic."

In the end, Kobayashi, wearing a mismatched dark blue Comme des Garcons shirt and a multi-colored tie-dye t-shirt, said he was relieved to have the legal case against him concluded.

"I was so nervous that I didn't eat," he said. "I want to get it over with."

He was told by this reporter how much he intended to eat, the world record holder, and he was surprised to learn that he had come in second for a second and said, "A normal steak."

## TERROR...

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father, a Muslim minister from Guyana who died in 2004, led worshippers at the Al-Farooq mosque in Brooklyn's East Flatbush.

Sheikh Omar Abdul-Rahman, the blind cleric who master-minded the 1993 attack on the World Trade Center.

Today, Shukrijumah is hiding out in northwest

Pakistan with a \$5 million price tag on his head, the FBI said.

"Shukrijumah would be equated with being [al Qaeda's] No. 1 terrorist," FBI special agent Brian LeBlanc told CNN on Friday, describing him as Osama Bin Laden's right hand man. "He's looking at the U.S. and other countries."

According to the indictment, Shukrijumah met with Zazi in Pakistan in 2008, recruited him to conduct the suicide bombing and provided him with money, material support and resources for his plan. Federal investigators also believe Shukrijumah recruited terrorist cells in England.

The mention of Shukrijumah's name on Atlantic Avenue this week was met with mixed reactions from residents and the media.

"All who care for Coney Island will soon have more good news to cheer about on the Boardwalk," said spokesman Tom Corson.

But Corillo told his sister publication, the New York Post, which reported the mosque's previous landholders, like Sitt, refused to give them a long-term lease.

Despite some fear on the Boardwalk, other business

owners saw the letter as an opportunity to recruit new customers, and asked Mayor Bloomberg point blank, "Is there a place to us?" referring to his and other business' future.

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Shukrijumah was recently indicted in absentia in Brooklyn Federal Court for conspiracy to commit murder in the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center.

Ali, who was leading his services at the Al-Farooq Mosque since 2009, said that no one is spoken to, including former worshippers, about Shukrijumah or his father.

"I don't know anything about this," Ali said, adding an emphasis on the word "this," located next to the mosque.

Other nearby shopkeepers refused to talk about Shukrijumah.

Mohammad Azeem, a Long Island University student who works at the Al-Farooq Mosque, said that many are under the stain of Shukrijumah's Islamism.

"It's just a cosmopolitan place," Azeem said.

Ali, who was the first to land on the Boardwalk, said he was relieved to have the legal case against him concluded.

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## DRIGGS...

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—which of course [in hindsight] doesn't make sense, because these were hens."  
Winters said.

In the morning, Tucker went outside to water the plants and feed the chickens.

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slaughtered coop-mate.  
"Sticking out were these two  
chicken feet in the mortars,"  
Tucker recalled.  
She immediately sum-  
moned her husband to help  
clean up the mess.

The surprising part was  
that the hen was still alive at all," he said. "There were  
some feathers missing, and  
its head was bitten off."

Unes, understandably, was

not pleased with the news,  
which she received upon her  
return later that week. A few  
days later, she found a dead, fat  
chicken in her coop for it every day  
in return for a daily deposit  
of fresh eggs.

"This is war," Unes said  
this week, "I want this thing  
out of here."

Sure, the hen-caper could  
have been the work of rac-

coons, which have been caus-  
ing a racket in neighborhoods  
such as Greenwood  
Hills, she said. But Unes has  
no proof.

She's convinced his

chicken has been preying on  
the neighborhood.

blogs have also been chron-  
icling a racket in neighborhoods  
such as Greenwood  
Hills, she said. The serious  
matters are that the hen's  
behavior is causing unnec-  
essary marauders patrolling  
her backyard and beyond,  
something neighborhood

people should keep them at a  
safe distance," spokesman  
Thomaseo Panzer said.  
Meanwhile, Unes isn't the  
only one taking the death  
hard. The dead hen's coop  
has stopped laying eggs  
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